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Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
4000 North Central Avenue, Suite 800
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RE: Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council Child Care Scholarship Strategy

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council, (hereafter "Council"), we are requesting the utilization of FY 2010 funding, in the additional amount of \$550,000 dollars, to address a gap in scholarship coverage for existing families through June 2010.

On December 8, 2009, the Board approved \$1,500,000 to extend current emergency scholarship programming through June 30, 2010. However, the Council received new data showing that the increase would not fully cover the existing families through the end of the state fiscal year. As such, the Council is requesting an additional \$550,000 to address the data findings and provide coverage through the end of June 2010.

The Council requests an additional increase in funding in the amount of:

- \$550,000 to extend emergency scholarship programming through June 30, 2010.

The Council is pleased to offer this request for additional funding to bridge the gap for families receiving child care scholarships and will continue to work diligently to ensure best outcomes for children in the Central Phoenix region.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Judi Gottschalk, Chair
Central Phoenix Regional Partnership Council

Cc: Tracey K. Craig, Regional Coordinator (Interim)
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